State of Massachusets Bay
Boston Jany 22d 1777

Whereas the General Assembly of this State have contracted with Monsieur Maresquelles to carry on the Foundery of solid Cannon from the Ore, & the boreing & polishing them upon a new Construction, & whereas the Mode of employing Colo Maresquelles is referred by the Honble Court to the Board of War, & the Board are of Opinion it will be more for the Benefit of this State that the Works should be undertaken at Keiths Furnace, so called, to be hired in Behalf of this State by Colo Orr, & also at the Air Furnace erected at Bridgewater by this State, under said Orrs direction—

It is agreed with Colo Maresquelles that the Communications of his Method of casting boreing & constructing the solid Cannon to Colo Orr & doing the Business at the Furnace aforesaid, shall be no Obstruction to the Emoluments of his Contract with this State, as Colo Orr acknowledges he is ~~[illegible]~~ unacquainted with the curious & usefull Invention for boreing solid Cannon & also of casting them from the Ore — But upon Certificate being given by a Committee to be appointed, that the Cannon

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thus constructed are effectual, the Contract shall be deemed to all Intents & Purposes performed on Colo Maresquelles part, as fully as if the Business was done at Works erected for the sole purpose of sd Maresquelles–

The President of the Board of War Hugh Orr Esqr & Colo Maresquelles having thereunto set their Hands & Seals in witness to this Agreement

Saml Phps Savage in behalf of the Board

Hugh Orr

De Maresquelle

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Wm Loring Austin

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